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SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects running behind schedule as on date;

(b) the percentage of cost escalation of these projects due to time overrun;

(c) the time by which all the projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a)to(c) A Statement showing details of projects running behind schedule, time by which these projects are likely to be completed and cost escalation on account of various reasons including time overrun, is enclosed (Annex- I).

(d) The steps taken to ensure timely completion of these projects are as follows:

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues, forest clearances, infrastructure facilities and ensuring law and order at project sites, etc.

(v) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.